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Quechan Tribe Gets Grant to Fight Diabetes

Congressman Bob Filner announced today that the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has granted \$390,653 to the Quechan Indian Tribe for diabetes prevention and treatment.

"Diabetes is a grave threat to our Indian Tribes," said Congressman Filner. "This funding goes directly to the Quechan Indian Tribe for much needed diabetes prevention and treatment programs."

It is estimated that 16.3 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native adults have diagnosed diabetes, nearly twice as many as non-Hispanic whites. The HHS office of Indian Health Service administers the grant program called the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.